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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 02, 2015

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (Cal OES) FOR THE VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP) AND APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-15(ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authority for the District Attorney's Office (DA) to accept additional grant funds totaling \$204,472 for VWAP in FY 2014-15. The DA will receive \$153,354 (75%) and the Los Angeles City Attorney (City) will receive \$51,118 (25%) as a subgrantee. The additional grant funds will help continue VWAP's commitment to assist victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. In addition, approval of the Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$153,000 is requested.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney (DA), on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept additional grant funds from Cal OES for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, in the amount of \$204,472 (VOCA federal funds) for VWAP. The DA will receive \$153,354 (75%) and the City will receive \$51,118 (25%) as a subgrantee. There is no required match for this grant.
2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$153,000 to allocate additional funding for VWAP.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to continue VWAP's commitment to assist victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families for residents of Los Angeles County.

On February 6, 2015, an application for acceptance of additional funding was submitted to Cal OES. On March 18, 2015, Cal OES notified the DA of the additional funds awarded to VWAP.

Board approval is required to accept additional grant funds for VWAP from Cal OES for FY 2014-15. The Request for Appropriation Adjustments is needed in order to align the DA's budget with the full amount awarded for the program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability: maximize the effectiveness of the processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal No. 3, Integrated Services Delivery: maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Cal OES awarded the DA additional grant funding totaling \$204,472 for VWAP in FY 2014-15. Of this amount, the DA will receive \$153,354 (75%) and the City will receive \$51,118 (25%) as a subgrantee. There is no required match for this grant. With the additional funding, the total amount of grant funds changes from \$3,973,333 to \$4,177,805.

The DA's Appropriation Adjustment of \$153,000 will be used for Salary and Employee Benefits (S&EB). Employee Benefits (EB) rates are dictated annually by the LA County Auditor-Controller's Office and hence, vary annually. The EB rate changed from 50.508% in FY13-14 to 56.506% in FY14-15.

If funding for this program were to be terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions. Payments by the County to the City, as a subgrantee, are contingent on the availability of State funding. If the County does not receive the full amount from the State, the City has acknowledged that its portion of the grant will be reduced in an amount solely to be determined by the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Penal Code §13835.2, VWAP has been the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime in Los Angeles County since 1977. VWAP was established to implement a decentralized, prosecution-based victim assistance program to provide mandatory and optional victim services throughout Los Angeles County.

VWAP is structured to meet the needs of victims and witnesses as they enter the criminal justice

system; to help stabilize them emotionally and financially in order to minimize trauma. As mandated by statute, Victim Services Representatives (VSRs) provide direct services to victims of all types of crime. They also assist a large number of victims living in poverty who have immediate needs for intensive assistance, including basic subsistence, witness protection and relocation. The growing number of people living in poverty in Los Angeles County, particularly children and elders, contributes to the increased demand for victim services. Additionally, the high number of violent crimes in Los Angeles County creates a crucial need for specialized victim advocacy services including assistance to the families of homicide victims, victims of gang-related crimes and child victims.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

CONCLUSION

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Samuel Han, Contracts and Grants Unit, District Attorney's Office, 211 West Temple Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Any questions may be directed to Mr. Han at (213) 257-2806.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Lacey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

JACKIE LACEY

District Attorney

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO. 370

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

April 24, 2015

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2014-15

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 90 - 9001 - 14030
Federal Other - \$153,000
Increase Revenue

USES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 1000 - 14030
Salaries & Employee Benefits - \$153,000
Increase Appropriation

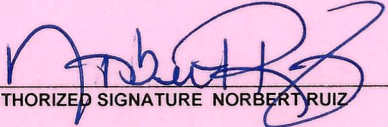
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USES TOTAL: \$ 153,000

JUSTIFICATION

The appropriation adjustment reflects an additional Federal grant award from the California Office of Emergency Services to fund the Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP). The additional grant funds will help continue VWAP's commitment to assist victims of crime by alleviating trauma and the devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families for residents of Los Angeles County.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE NORBERT RUIZ

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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PATRICK O'QUINN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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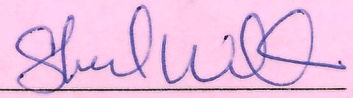
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☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY


April 30 20 15

**Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description **VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP)**

This Grant Management Statement is to reflect acceptance of augmentation funds totaling \$204,472 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The VWAP has been the major provider of comprehensive services to victims of crime since 1977. This program was established to create a decentralized, prosecution-based victim assistance program throughout Los Angeles County to assist victims of all types of crime. The District Attorney's Office maintains a close working relationship with its subgrantee, the Los Angeles City Attorney, and has maintained long-term professional relationships with law enforcement and prosecutors. VWAP sets goals each year and provides services to approximately 20,000 victims, annually.

Funding Agency
State of California Office of
Emergency Services
(Cal OES)

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or
Code #)**
Penal Code Section 13835 et seq.

Grant Acceptance Deadline
N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$4,177,805

County Match: N/A

Grant Period:

Begin Date: July 1, 2014

End Date: June 30, 2015

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: 38

Part Time 1

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ☐ No ☒

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ☐ No ☒

b) Identify other revenue sources Yes ☐ No ☒

(Describe) _____

c) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Department Head Signature _____ **Date** _____